

Department of Health and Human Resources

Bureau for Public Health

Mission

The vision of the Bureau for Public Health is to have healthy people in healthy communities. The mission is to help shape the environments within which people and communities can be safe and healthy.

Operations

Nine offices and five boards advance the health of every West Virginian through a public health system designed to:

- Assess and monitor the health status of the population.
- Promote a healthy and productive life for West Virginians.
- Protect the public's health from adverse environmental factors.
- Reduce the incidence of preventable disease and death.
- Assure a health care delivery system that has adequate resources and qualified public health professionals to provide a continuum of care including:
 - * Basic disease control activities
 - * Comprehensive primary care
 - * Coordinated emergency medical services
 - * Integrated hospital services

Office of the Commissioner

- Provides administrative oversight for the bureau and state health officer.

Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

- Certifies and regulated the education, practitioner, and facility standards for barbering, cosmetology, manicuring, and aesthetics.

Board of Hearing Aid Dealers

- Administer examinations, and issue licenses to eligible applicants.
- Investigate complaints, and issue disciplinary action as necessary.

Board of Medicine

- Educate licensees, medical students, podiatric students, and physician assistant students on the functions of the board and requirements for licensure.
- Receive, process, and maintain all applications for initial licenses and renewal of licenses.
- Investigate complaints and malpractice reports.

Board of Registration for Sanitarians

Sanitarian duties include enforcement of environmental and public health sanitation, including:

- * Food, milk, and water sanitation,
- * Sewage and solid waste disposal,
- * School and institutional sanitation,
- * Disease and rodent control, and
- * Disaster sanitation.
- Register all sanitarians in West Virginia, both initial or renewal.
- Hold hearings for administrative adjudication of matters that may come before the board.

Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board

- Ensure that all persons holding a West Virginia nursing home administrator's license meet the standards and criteria set forth in the West Virginia Code.

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

- Provide modern medicolegal death investigative technology to establish within reasonable medical certainty the cause and manner of death and the retrieval of medicolegal evidence germane to the case in question.

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- Provide death analysis inclusive of the autopsy examination and toxicological studies, thereby providing the medical contribution pertaining to the investigation of deaths of public interests.
- Investigate fatalities relating to therapeutic complications, workplace incidents, potential Sudden Infant Death Syndrome cases, child abuse, and deaths occurring in public custody such as in law enforcement confinement, prisons, and state hospitals.
- Identify previously undiagnosed contagious diseases that could represent a threat to public health.
- Assist in the personal identification and compilation of forensic science data pertaining to victims of mass disaster.
- Monitor trends of death and the institution of preventive measures so as to improve public health, welfare, and safety.

Office of Community Health Systems

- Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
- Implement, perform, and set standards for emergency medical services (EMS) agencies, local public health departments, and primary care centers.
- Respond to health facilities in crisis.

Office of Environmental Health Services

- Provide loans to public water systems through the state's Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund program.
- Provide technical assistance to public water systems through the wellhead/source water assessment and protection program.
- Provide training and certification to water and wastewater operators, water well drillers, monitoring well drillers, and backflow and inspector testers.
- Investigate health hazards and complaints related to sewage, infectious medical waste, food, milk, and bottled water supplies in the state.
- Enforce regulations concerning on-site sewage disposal, infectious medical waste, food, milk, and bottled water.
- Inform and educate people of proper emergency and disaster cleanup procedures.
- Enforce rules and regulations regarding the health and safety of asbestos and lead abatement projects, as well as the inspection and registration of mammography and x-ray devices to ensure safety.
- Investigate health problems resulting from indoor air quality and from lead sources in homes of lead-poisoned children.
- Accredited training providers, and license asbestos, lead, and radon professionals.
- Conduct and coordinate site-specific activities concerning potentially hazardous sites.

Office of Epidemiology and Health Promotion

- Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.
- Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues, including healthy lifestyles.
- Monitor the health status to identify community problems through active surveillance of infectious and chronic diseases.
- Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce.
- Identify and investigate health problems and hazards in the community.
- Planning and implementation of prevention interventions in collaboration with local health departments, community-based organizations, and other disease control entities.
- Implement threat preparedness activities as directed by the bureau commissioner's office.
- Provide adequate immunization services to prevent the spread of preventable infectious diseases.

Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification

- Conduct on-site inspections, and recommend certification to the CMS for the following health care facilities when found to be in compliance with federal standards—ambulatory surgical centers, end stage renal dialysis, home health agencies, hospices, hospitals, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, nursing

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facilities, outpatient physical/speech therapy, rural health clinics, skilled nursing facilities, and portable x-ray suppliers.

- Conduct on-site inspections, and recommend enforcement actions to the CMS for those facilities found to be out of compliance.
- Conduct complaint investigations in all healthcare facilities either certified by the CMS and/or licensed to operate in the state.
- Conduct on-site inspections, and issue licenses to those of the following facilities who are determined to be in compliance with state law—assisted living residences, behavioral health centers, birthing centers, hospices, hospitals, medical adult day care centers, nursing homes, and residential care communities.
- Conduct on-site inspections, and take enforcement action against those facilities determined to be out of compliance with state law.
- Conduct investigations when allegations of abuse are lodged against nurse aides employed in certified nursing homes.

Office of Laboratory Services

- Diagnose and assist state and local health workers with investigation of tuberculosis, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), sexually transmitted diseases, rabies, food poisoning, influenza, and other microbial health hazards in the community.
- Provide laboratory testing of Grade A dairy products to enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
- Monitor health status of newborns to identify those children with phenylketonuria (PKU), galactosemia, hypothyroidism, and sickle cell diseases.
- Test drinking water, bottled water, and recreational water for microbial and chemical contamination.
- Monitor drinking water supplies to ensure added fluoride meets Centers for Disease Control guidelines.
- Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce through lab training opportunities, licensure, and inspections of public and private laboratories.

Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health

- Provide clinical genetic services for patients at eight satellite locations under the auspices of WVU's Department of Pediatrics.
- Screen and provide services to children under age three who are diagnosed with developmental delay or at risk of developmental delay.
- Provide comprehensive physical examination, pregnancy and other lab testing, counseling, education, and contraceptive supplies.

Office of Nutrition Services

- Monitor health status of WIC recipients (including pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children) for use as a quality and service improvement tool.
- Inform and educate WIC families as to the value of good nutrition, including the benefits of breast-feeding.
- Support and operate the WIC Farmer's Market Nutrition program to encourage the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Monitor services to WIC participants, and ensure they receive prompt and proper service at local agency clinic sites and the prescribed foods at approved WIC vendors.
- Monitor WIC local agency sites to assure service provision meets program standards.

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Expenditures

	TOTAL FTE POSITIONS 11/30/2005	ACTUALS FY 2005	BUDGETED FY 2006	REQUESTED FY 2007	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION
EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAM					
Commissioner's Office	98.00	\$12,449,666	\$27,313,528	\$18,337,504	
Board of Barbers & Cosmetologists	9.00	435,909	453,769	444,198	
Board of Hearing Aid Dealers	0.00	10,026	15,835	15,835	
Board of Medicine	12.00	1,094,615	1,182,309	1,174,749	
Board of Registration for Sanitarians	0.00	4,435	6,435	6,435	
Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board	1.00	60,665	82,822	83,022	
Office of Chief Medical Examiner	29.50	3,473,593	4,779,655	3,700,002	
Office of Community & Rural Health Services	49.00	32,298,536	32,181,396	31,486,657	
Office of Environmental Health Services	108.80	11,937,359	16,846,686	16,202,605	
Office of Epidemiology & Health Promotion	155.58	29,771,299	44,268,050	38,231,286	
Office of Health Facility Licensure & Certification	82.80	5,369,573	7,515,179	7,482,221	
Office of Laboratory Services	64.70	4,607,432	5,949,320	5,641,933	
Office of Maternal, Child & Family Health	214.00	50,838,258	57,679,464	56,603,871	
Office of Nutrition Services	22.00	31,244,719	43,285,609	43,174,252	
Less: Reappropriated		(2,852,282)	(7,760,087)	0	
TOTAL BY PROGRAM	846.38	180,743,803	233,799,970	222,584,570	224,241,466
EXPENDITURE BY FUND					
General Fund					
FTE Positions		259.81	272.96	272.96	272.96
Total Personal Services		9,431,878	10,878,423	10,660,260	10,515,207
Employee Benefits		2,853,231	3,439,015	3,439,015	3,322,830
Other Expenses		41,283,330	40,576,548	39,290,080	40,789,584
Less: Reappropriated		(73,622)	(846,468)	0	0
Subtotal: General Fund		53,494,817	54,047,518	53,389,355	54,627,621
Federal Fund					
FTE Positions		366.74	358.09	358.09	358.09
Total Personal Services		10,607,815	13,167,273	12,897,268	13,169,123
Employee Benefits		3,382,205	4,177,911	4,133,302	4,178,266
Other Expenses		75,883,422	103,900,230	103,898,025	103,898,025
Subtotal: Federal Fund		89,873,442	121,245,414	120,928,595	121,245,414
Appropriated Special Fund					
FTE Positions		71.83	73.33	73.33	74.33
Total Personal Services		2,195,788	2,718,935	2,654,996	2,732,371
Employee Benefits		751,694	1,019,332	1,011,417	1,033,353
Other Expenses		26,459,544	35,352,761	28,438,708	28,441,208
Less: Reappropriated		(2,778,660)	(6,913,619)	0	0
Subtotal: Appropriated Special Fund		26,628,366	32,177,409	32,105,121	32,206,932
Nonappropriated Special Fund					
FTE Positions		147.00	142.00	142.00	142.00
Total Personal Services		4,181,508	5,730,510	5,371,363	5,371,363
Employee Benefits		1,448,142	2,105,318	1,974,253	1,974,253
Other Expenses		5,117,528	18,493,801	8,815,883	8,815,883
Subtotal: Nonappropriated Special Fund		10,747,178	26,329,629	16,161,499	16,161,499
TOTAL FTE POSITIONS BY FUND		845.38	846.38	846.38	847.38
TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUND		\$180,743,803	\$233,799,970	\$222,584,570	\$224,241,466

Programs

Commissioner's Office

Mission

The Commissioner's Office of the Bureau for Public Health directs public health activities at all levels within the state to fulfill the core functions of public health: the assessment of community health status and available resources; policy development resulting in proposals to support and encourage better health; and assurance that needed services are available, accessible, and of acceptable quality. Several special assistants coordinate activities across all offices that relate to public health regulations, school-based health initiatives, information systems, finance, and workforce development.

Goals/Objectives

School-Based Health

- Meet goals and objectives of a joint five-year plan with the Department of Education for comprehensive school health.
- Ensure continued funding for school-based health clinics.
- Improve mental health services for schools and adolescents.

Information Systems

- Build computer and communication systems (or revise existing systems) to achieve compliance with the Centers for Disease Control's emerging standards for a Public Health Information Network.
- Develop policies relative to both personnel and equipment that allow and account for the sharing of resources across programs in support of a Public Health Information Network architecture.
- Remove obstacles preventing the increased use of technology to reduce program operating costs.

Public Health Workforce Development

- Strengthen the bureau's workforce through terrorism and other emerging threat training of over 1,700 people.
- Provide an average of 24 public health satellite broadcasts per year to help in the awareness and training of citizens and the workforce.

Threat Preparedness

- Through collaborative leadership and coordination, ensure adequate capacity and effective systems ready to respond to natural and intentional threats to the public's health.

Trauma and Communications System

- Provide full oversight, operation, maintenance, and upgrade of the statewide medical command microwave communications system.
- Increase the number of communication microwave paths from 42 to 67 by the end of FY 2007 to better serve trauma systems.

Performance Measures

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>Actual 2004</u>	<u>Estimated 2005</u>	<u>Actual 2005</u>	<u>Estimated 2006</u>	<u>Estimated 2007</u>
Students served by school-based health clinics	23,826	24,155	24,500	25,780	25,950	26,800
Public health satellite broadcasts	N/A	24	30	19	24	24
State communication microwave paths	29	35	N/A	42	55	67

Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

Mission

The Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists protects the health and welfare of all West Virginia citizens who seek professional services in barbering, cosmetology, manicuring, and aesthetics.

Goals/Objectives

Provide maximum protection for all citizens receiving professional services in barbering, cosmetology, manicuring, and aesthetics.

- Conduct frequent inspections of all professional facilities and practitioners.
- Continue to require licensing examinations to determine competency.

Performance Measures

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2007</u>
Inspections conducted	9,533	8,959	10,500	10,600	10,500	10,700
Individual licenses issued	9,905	10,012	10,200	10,666	10,300	10,800
New shop licenses issued	325	304	350	334	350	360

Board of Hearing Aid Dealers

Mission

The Board of Hearing Aid Dealers regulates and controls hearing aid dealers to ensure quality service to the hearing-impaired citizens of West Virginia.

Goals/Objectives

- Maintain the number of licensed dealers to better serve the hearing impaired citizens of West Virginia.

Performance Measures

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2007</u>
New individual licenses issued	6	4	5	10	5	5
Individual renewals issued	80	78	85	75	80	80
Company renewals issued	32	32	35	32	35	35

Board of Medicine

Mission

The Board of Medicine provides licensure and professional discipline of physicians, podiatrists, and physician assistants in order to protect the public interest.

Goals/Objectives

- Reduce the length of time to complete investigations to 18 months.

Performance Measures

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>Actual 2004</u>	<u>Estimated 2005</u>	<u>Actual 2005</u>	<u>Estimated 2006</u>	<u>Estimated 2007</u>
<i>Investigations</i>						
Probable cause findings	25	19	30	30	30	30
Closure decisions	139	147	145	161	150	170
Months to complete investigations	N/A	N/A	N/A	24	18	18

Board of Registration for Sanitarians

Mission

The Board of Registration for Sanitarians promotes professionalism among sanitarians to help assure that West Virginians receive uniform and quality environmental health services.

Goals/Objectives

- Enforce the provisions of the West Virginia Code requiring the registration of sanitarians.

Performance Measures

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>Actual 2004</u>	<u>Estimated 2005</u>	<u>Actual 2005</u>	<u>Estimated 2006</u>	<u>Estimated 2007</u>
New sanitarians-in-training registrations	18	20	15	10	15	10
Renewed sanitarians-in-training registrations	44	54	45	75	65	75
New sanitarian registrations	6	5	10	3	10	5
Renewed sanitarian registrations	144	147	145	148	155	150

Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board

Mission

The Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board protects the public good by developing and enforcing regulations to govern the practice of nursing home administration in West Virginia.

Goals/Objectives

- Continue to develop relationships with universities and colleges within West Virginia to provide mutual awareness of the education and work experience requirements for persons preparing to seek licensure.
- Continue board visitations with administrator-in-training trainees and preceptors on-site at training facilities.
- Render timely processing of applications, licenses, and permits.

Performance Measures

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>Actual 2004</u>	<u>Estimated 2005</u>	<u>Actual 2005</u>	<u>Estimated 2006</u>	<u>Estimated 2007</u>
New nursing home administrators licenses issued	18	19	17	25	18	20
Administrator-in-training permits	9	5	8	6	6	6
License renewals	206	210	210	214	215	212

Office of Community Health Systems

Mission

The Office of Community Health Systems establishes a public health system designed to assure a health care delivery system that has resources and qualified public health professionals to provide a continuum of care including comprehensive primary care, coordinated EMS, local public health departments, and integrated hospital services with a special emphasis on providing improved access to primary and preventive health services for the uninsured.

Goals/Objectives

Assure the quality and accessibility of community health services (EMS, basic public health, primary care, and rural hospitals).

- Continue development of rural health networks.
- Increase the number of rural health care providers to 55 by the end of FY 2006 to aid in the health care of rural West Virginia.

Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce.

- Increase to 9,600 by FY 2006 the number of EMS personnel certified to respond to public health issues.

Performance Measures

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>Actual 2004</u>	<u>Estimated 2005</u>	<u>Actual 2005</u>	<u>Estimated 2006</u>	<u>Estimated 2007</u>
EMS personnel certified	9,300	9,057	9,600	8,707	9,600	9,600
EMS agencies licensed	210	209	225	210	225	225
Rural health care providers placed	86	39	49	52	55	55

Office of Environmental Health Services

Mission

The Office of Environmental Health Services improves environmental health protection for every West Virginia citizen and visitor through quality programs designed and administered to serve, educate, and regulate in the least restrictive and most efficient manner.

Goals/Objectives

Environmental Engineering

- Oversee activities mandated in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act to ensure safe drinking water to the public.
- Enhance environmental health services that protect and improve the health and environment of all West Virginians.

Public Health Sanitation

- Enhance education to households, haulers, and health care providers on proper disposal of sharps and syringes.

Radiation, Toxics, and Indoor Air (RTIA)

- Enhance education to the public concerning dangers of radon gas and the need for testing and mitigation.

Performance Measures

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2007</u>
Environmental Engineering sanitary surveys written	312	304	258	253	256	295
Public Health Sanitation inspections/investigations	2,783	1,473	1,600	1,323	1,700	1,500
RTIA inspections/investigations	943	820	1,110	1,498	1,600	1,700
RTIA licenses issued	3,037	2,995	3,000	3,269	3,000	3,100

Office of Epidemiology and Health Promotion

Mission

The Office of Epidemiology and Health Promotion will assess and monitor the health status of the population, promote healthy and productive lives for West Virginians, and strive to reduce the incidence of preventable disease and death.

Goals/Objectives

Promote and encourage healthy behaviors by reducing prevalence of obesity, increasing physical activity levels, and increasing the consumption of fruits and vegetables.

- Hold educational seminars.
- Work in conjunction with wellness programs.

Prevent epidemics and spread of disease.

- Timely reporting of all reported cases of communicable diseases in accordance with required disease rules, 64CSR7.
- Maintain a minimum 99% accuracy rate for vital data sent to National Center for Health Statistics.

Performance Measures

- ✓ Maintained an accuracy rate of over 99% for vital data sent to National Center for Health Statistics.
- ✓ Kept the child immunization coverage level above the 80% Healthy People 2010 goal.

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2007</u>
<i>Reported cases of communicable diseases</i>						
LaCrosse Encephalitis	23	36	29	35	35	26
Salmonella	152	175	247	175	175	157
Invasive Group A Streptococcus/Streptococcal						
Toxic Shock Syndrome	43	25	37	25	25	33

Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification

Mission

The Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification ensures that health care facilities provide healthy, safe, and productive lives for patients, residents, and clients through enforcement of state rules and federal regulations.

Goals/Objectives

- Satisfy all federal certification and state licensure and registration mandates as set forth by the CMS and the West Virginia Legislature.

Performance Measures

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2007</u>
Certification on-site inspections	344	254	318	279	268	273
Licensure on-site inspections	366	324	354	364	337	317
Complaint on-site investigations	460	588	547	538	615	566

Office of Laboratory Services

Mission

The Office of Laboratory Services is dedicated to the promotion, protection, and assurance of the health of citizens of West Virginia.

Goals/Objectives

Protect against environmental hazards, and prevent epidemics and spread of disease.

- Increase testing samples.

Assure the quality and accessibility of health and environmental services.

- Increase laboratory inspections and training requirements of laboratory personnel.

Performance Measures

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2007</u>
Cases of PKU, galactosemia, hypothyroidism tested screen positive	13	8	15	8	10	10
Total patients tested	20,961	21,574	21,000	21,378	21,000	21,000
Drinking water samples tested from flooded areas	99	249	100	195	100	100
Total water samples tested	21,138	20,378	22,000	19,011	20,000	21,000
Positive rabies specimens	126	72	100	62	70	50
Total rabies specimens tested	1,569	1,761	1,500	1,469	1,500	1,600

Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health

Mission

Title V of the Social Security Act mandates that the Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health assure the health of the nation's women, infants, children, and youth, especially children with special health care needs. These efforts are supported by federal block grants to states for establishment of systems to improve the health and well-being of targeted populations.

Goals/Objectives

Link people to needed personal health services, and assure provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.

- Assure that caregivers of eligible children are informed and encouraged to participate in the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment program.
- Identify and link all newborns to needed medical services by increasing to 100% the number screened for metabolic disorders.
- Increase the number of women receiving first trimester prenatal care to 89% in FY 2007 through education and promotion of the health benefits to children when prenatal care is received.
- Enhance the promotion of dental education and hygiene awareness.
- Identify and link children with special health needs with medical and social services.
- Enhance the promotion of early detection and reduction of breast and cervical cancers through screening and follow-up services and education for low-income women, older women, and minority women.
- Promote toll-free information and assistance lines to establish quicker access to health care.

Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

- Enhance promotion activities targeted at preventive health education, specifically reducing risk behavior leading to injury.
- Aggressively identify gaps in the service delivery system that prevents access to services.

Performance Measures

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>Estimated 2004</u>	<u>Actual 2004</u>	<u>Estimated 2005</u>	<u>Estimated 2006</u>	<u>Estimated 2007</u>
Calls to toll-free information and assistance lines	36,103	35,000	34,517	36,500	37,000	37,500
Newborns screened for metabolic disorders	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Eligible women receiving first trimester prenatal care	86%	86%	87%	88%	88%	89%

Office of Nutrition Services

Mission

The Office of Nutrition Services improves the health of women, infants, and children in West Virginia by providing quality nutrition, breast-feeding counseling, and education; as well as health monitoring and nutritious foods.

Goals/Objectives

Promote and encourage good health through good nutrition.

- Reduce by 0.1% each year the percent of WIC children with anemia by promoting the benefits of breast-feeding.

Performance Measures

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>Estimated 2004</u>	<u>Actual 2004</u>	<u>Estimated 2005</u>	<u>Estimated 2006</u>	<u>Estimated 2007</u>
WIC children with anemia	5.0%	4.9%	4.9%	4.8%	4.7%	4.6%
Breast-feeding initiation rate	43%	44%	43%	44%	45%	46%
Breast-feeding duration rate*	17%	22%	17%	18%	20%	21%

* Breast-feeding duration rate is based on the percentage of West Virginia WIC infants who are breast-fed for at least 21 weeks.

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Mission

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner provides high quality medicolegal death investigation services utilizing the expertise of specialist forensic pathologists and toxicologists so as to establish cause and manner of death regarding deaths resulting from homicide, accident, and suicide, as well as the certification of natural deaths that occur in the absence of a treating family physician.

Goals/Objectives

Obtain adequate resources for timely and accurate reports of death investigation findings to law enforcement, prosecutors, and families.

- Development of a database to supply timely and accurate reports.
- Obtain adequate staffing and improved facilities.
- Improve communications with county personnel.

Work toward National Association of Medical Examiners accreditation for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

- Complete the renovation of new Chief Medical Examiner facility on Virginia Street by October 2005.
- Provide documented procedures and policies.
- Improve optimal performance for procedures of work products.

Develop clinical services to West Virginia's social services community.

- Continue ongoing training for the social services community.
- Continue to provide clinical forensic assessment for Child Protective and Adult Protective Services.

Through education and training, continue to improve overall understanding of physicians, other health professionals, and members of the legal and law enforcement professions regarding medicolegal death investigation.

- Conduct the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's Annual Training and Certification Conference that reaches an estimated 225 referenced participants each year.

Performance Measures

- ✓ Moved administrative offices to Charleston to better serve the public and staff.

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Deaths in West Virginia	21,034	21,000	20,555	21,000	21,000	21,000
Deaths referred to medical examiner	3,239	3,150	3,234	3,150	3,150	3,150
Homicides in West Virginia	99	100	82	100	100	100